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Annotated Bibliography: Monetary Child Support vs. Emotional Child Support

Amato, Paul R., and Joan G. Gilbreth. "Nonresident Fathers And

Well-Being: A Meta-Analysis." Journal Of Marriage & Family

61.3 (1999): 557-573. Academic Search Premier. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

These two researchers explored the correlation between fathers who pay child support and the well-being of their children based upon money and visitation. They mention how children feel with they are cared for by both parents. This was the foundation for their research. How children feel and how they behavior has a great deal to do with the involvement of both parents in their life. Their research involves reports by mothers of fathers’ child support and visitation payments.

The information presented by both Amato and Gilbreth provides insight on the relationship of nonresidential fathers and children’s well-being very well. However, the explanation of the research and how exactly they gathered the information they presented.

This research is somewhat supportive. In terms of actual research results this information is not helpful. If the focus is put on previous evidence found in relation to the correlation between nonresidential parents and their relationship to the well-being of their children, this provides valuable information useful for background.

Curran, Laura. "Social Work And Fathers: Child Support And Fathering  
Programs." Social Work 48.2 (2003): 219-227. Academic Search Premier.  
Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Curran observes the fact that women are becoming more independent within household standards. With that being an issue she states that fatherhood today is affected by that demographic. She says that fatherhood is not exactly praised and is the reason the prominence of single-parent household lead by women. She explores the idea of responsible fatherhood and evaluates that it is a complex role that demand both emotion and financial commitment. As she moves into a deep look into child support and its enforcement stating that the policy creates more issues than it does remove. She ends by stating that there needs to be careful placement of interventions of men’s parenting.

Curran provides a very detailed and in depth look at child support and the programs it offers fathers. The article is well written and provides the reader with valuable background information good for comprehension. However, the article strays away from the original topic in some areas.

This article does not provide any support. Although it is on the subject of child support it dives into the topic of welfare and its benefits to mothers alongside the support of fathers.

Derdeyn, Andre P. "Child Custody: A Reflection Of Cultural Change." Journal Of Clinical Child Psychology 7.3 (1978): 169. Academic Search Premier. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Andre Derdeyn explores the change of families over a change of time. In his article he places emphasis on how the cultural and social changes of families have affected children in terms of custody. He starts by speaking about divorce and how children are normally placed into custody of their mothers. In that aspect he moves on to mention child support and how it is assumed to be provided by the parent, but as the culture has changed, the tables have also, and mothers can be placed in the same predicament. He ends his article with the hope that courts avoid custody by sex.

This article is well put together and Derdeyn provides adequate support for his observation. By him providing background information he allows for his topic to be more understandable.

With the main focus of the article being on divorce and the sex of the parent who granted custody of the child it does not provide support.

Fehlberg, Belinda, and Bruce Smyth. "Child Support And Parent—Child Contact." Family Matters 57 (2000): 20-25. Academic Search Premier. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Fehlberg and Smyth take a look at the cost of contact for parents and their noncustodial children. They begin by providing statistics from the Child Support Scheme. They aim to shed light on show that fathers do not participate in visitation are more likely not to visit their noncustodial children. They conclude that there is no correlation between the two.

The information provided seemed to be very dense. Nevertheless, it provides insight on the issue of contact and monetary payments. Fehlberg and Smyth could have possibly provided their own research to support their argument.

This information is not useful due to the fact that it states that there is no correlation between the two issues. It is useful for background information about child support laws and issues with visitation.

Huang, Chien-Chung. "Mothers’ Reports Of Nonresident Fathers’ Involvement With Their Children: Revisiting The Relationship Between Child Support Payment And Visitation." *Family Relations* 58.1 (2009): 54-64. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Chien-Chung Huang aims to explore the correlation between non residential fathers’s their child support with the relationship they have with their children by way of visitation. Huang begins by stating both time and financial support are needed for the well being of the child. Huang begins to open doors to the world of nonresidential fathers who pay child support and the issues that are involved. He moves from child support as an issue for fathers who are working so much to provide monetary support that they cannot provide emotional support through visitation to his conclusion of his point. His research finds that increased child support would increase visitation.

This article is put together well. The background information provided clarification on topics otherwise not known. Huang attempted to explore every facet of child support and its relationship with fathers and their noncustodial children.

The research in this article is very supportive. The relationship between monetary support and emotional support was ever-present in the research. The explanation of some issues that parents may face is very helpful.

Laakso, Janice H. "Child Support Policy: Some Critical Issues And The Implications For Social Work." Social Work 45.4 (2000): 367-370. Academic Search Premier. Web. 25 Nov. 2012.

Laasko aims to bring light to the implications that strive to reduce child poverty in single parent households. The article beings by providing background on single parent family homes. After the growing prominence of which, policymaker implemented aid to single parent family homes. The information presented examines processes put in place to insure the well-being of single families and their children. She explore whether or not aid given to single families is debt collection or for the best interest of the child and how social workers could more do their part by keeping the best interest of the child as a priority.

Laasko has a very well written argument. The article does not over analyze of go too deep in depth with the topic, which makes it better to understand, and clearly see the issue. The article ends with a suggestion for future research. That suggestion is very tasteful of Laasko, stating that this is not stone, and more that can be explored.

The article explores the issue of child support. However, the issue of contact does not appear anywhere in the readings. The study is not focused on the actual dealing of child support money, simply the structure of it, which does not provide support.

Mullins, David. "Linkages Between Children's Behavior And Nonresident  
Father Involvement: A Comparison Of African American, Anglo, And Latino  
Families." Journal Of African American Studies 15.1 (2011): 1-21.  
Academic Search Premier. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna. "Child Support And Father-Child Contact: Testing  
Reciprocal Pathways." Demography 44.1 (2007): 93-112. Academic Search  
Premier. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Lenna Nepomnyaschy focuses on "Child Support And Father-Child Contact: Testing  
Reciprocal Pathways." She aims to look at the relationship between monetary child support payments of fathers to their children and the contact they have with one another. She argues that children in single-parent family homes are at a disadvantage than those of two parent households. She adds that it is important for children of those circumstances be provided with both of their parent’s time and money to have the complete package of well-being. However, in her research she finds ordered child support had no correlation with parent-child contact, but in her research of informal child support there was a positive correlation between the two

This article was set up very well. The Author began by stating her beliefs and what she knew from prior knowledge about the aspects of parent child relationships of parents who do not have custody of their children. The research she conducted involved interviews with parents who are dealing with parent child contact and monetary child support was, which is not the best way to collect data on this subject.

This article provides insight of the correlation between contact and monetary child support. It is a thorough study done very well. The study delves in to a deeper topic that simply money and contact. The study shifts in to informal child support and formal child support which may or may not allow for support on the well-being of a child.

Seltzer, Judith A. *Journal Of Marriage & Family* 53.1 (1991): 79-101. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 26 Nov. 2012.

Judith A. Selzter of University of Wisconsin-Madison, takes a look at the "Relationships Between Fathers And Children Who Live Apart: The Father's Role After Separation.” She provides specific focus on households who are single parent lead, mostly by the mother. The research is focused around the social contact between the father and the children after separation, the economic involvement, as well as the say the father has in childrearing decisions. She finds that there is a difference in fathers’ who were never married to the mother of their children and fathers’ who were married to the mother of their children and their likelihood to be involved after separation. In all she gathers that a fathers’ involvement in a child’s life that is a part of a separation is simply based on multiple factors, and is un measurable.

Selzter had a legitimate focus in terms of wanting to explore a fathers’ involvement in a child’s life after separation through its many aspects. However, Selzter could have been more focused in some areas. The flow of the document was confusing and filled with over analyzing which made the information hard to understand.

This article would help support some of the issues dealing with parent child relationship after separation of the parents. However, this article drifts off into other aspects of parent child relationships and the social status of the noncustodial father.